

## Public Comment Requested on Request for Waiver of Tydings

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The Arizona Department of Education is applying for a waiver to extend the tydings, or period of availability for use, for Title I 1003(g) funds. To do this we need your feedback. These funds are restricted to schools, and their respective LEAs, that are identified as SIG Cohort 3 and 4 schools.

Without the waiver, we will need to send the dollars remaining to the federal Department of Education. The main reason why allocated dollars were not spent in the requisite time is that many of the schools who were awarded grants with these funds did not expend them entirely.

If the tydings waiver is granted to us, the funds would be available through September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021. They would be used to fund SIG Cohort 3 for year four and five. They would also be added to a new cohort of schools that will be identified for school year 2016-17. These schools would then have the possibility of receiving funding next school year to turn around their school(s) by increasing teacher and administrator effectiveness and raising student achievement and student outcomes.

We invite your comments or questions about the tydings waiver request. Please email your comments to [devon.isherwood@azed.gov](mailto:devon.isherwood@azed.gov)